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## Police Aim to Save Lives with "Booze It & Lose It"



The Governor's Highway Safety Program reminds drivers not to drink and drive.

Due to the increase in drunk driving related fatalities around the holidays each year, state and local law enforcement agencies across North Carolina were out in full force for the holiday Booze It & Lose It campaign. The statewide campaign lasted from December 11, 2015 through Jan. 3.

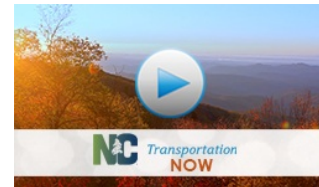
Their efforts resulted in 3,074 DWI charges in which 252 were drug-related charges and 2,822 were alcohol related.

Nearly 350 law enforcement agencies participated in the campaign, issuing 105,020 traffic and criminal citations in addition to the 2,822 DWI charges at 10,914 checking stations and saturation patrols across the state.

The top five counties for DWI arrests during the campaign were as follows:

- Wake County - 260;
- Guilford County - 208;
- Mecklenburg County - 168;
- Cumberland County - 136; and
- Forsyth County - 125.

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## Resurfacing Coming to Harnett, Bladen and Columbus County Roads

Last month, NCDOT awarded contracts to resurface 22.3 miles of Bladen and Columbus

## **Detours to End This Month Around Campbell Pedestrian Tunnel**



**This photo from December 28, 2015 shows crews making progress on the new tunnel along U.S. 421**

Crews will reopen U.S. 421/N.C. 27 to two-way, two-lane traffic beginning Jan. 13 in Buies Creek, weather permitting. The road will remain in a two-lane traffic pattern while work continues on a new pedestrian tunnel at Campbell University in the area.

The closure allowed crews to begin installation of the tunnel, grade the roadway and add storm drains east and west of the crossing site. Also, a 16-inch waterline was installed on a temporary basis while the existing 20-inch waterline was relocated so not to conflict with the tunnel.

Located under U.S. 421/N.C. 27, the completed tunnel will make it safer and easier for pedestrians to navigate the university and the area around campus, including the football stadium. The project includes paving, drainage and adding retaining walls and an underground culvert.

Other North Carolina universities have similar tunnels to access areas of campus, but this will be the first for Campbell University. The tunnel is anticipated to be open to the public in the summer of 2016. Crews will continue work to the surrounding area, including planting vegetation, through December 2016.

The contractor for the \$2.6 million project is Branch Highways of Roanoke, Va, the lowest bidder as required by state law.

County roads and 19 miles of U.S. 401 and N.C. 27 in Harnett County.

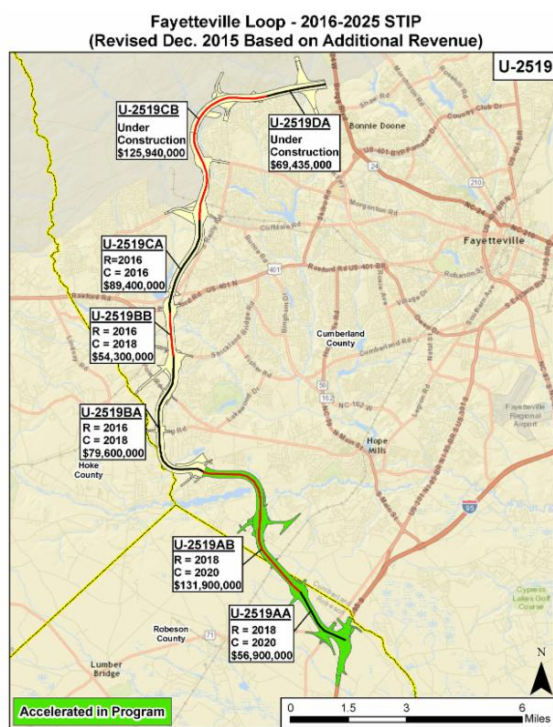
The \$2.6-million contract for Bladen and Columbus counties includes resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction along one section of N.C. 53, N.C. 11 from the Bladen County line to N.C. 87 and 25 sections of secondary roads. Crews can begin this project as early as this month, and work is anticipated for completion by September 2016.

The contract to resurface over 19 miles along Harnett County highways includes resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction on 15 miles of U.S. 401 and 4.2 miles of N.C. 27 in and around the Lillington area. Crews in Harnett County can start as early as March 2016, with an estimated completion date of November 2016.

These were two of four road and bridge projects awarded last month, worth \$27.8 million. The contracts were awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, as required by state law.

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## **NCDOT Board Approves Acceleration of Local Projects**



Members of the North Carolina Board of Transportation have approved the amended project schedules of many transportation projects across the state. A section of the Fayetteville Outer Loop is seeing its construction date moved up thanks to this approval and the signed 2015 state budget.

The section extending the loop from Camden Road to Interstate 95 South of Fayetteville will see the construction accelerated from 2021 to 2020. Additionally, other newly funded projects will increase local mobility and connectivity in the Fayetteville/Hope Mills area and include:

- Widening Cliffdale Road from a two-lane to a multi-lane road from McPherson Church Road to Morganton Road;
- Widening Rockfish Road from Golfview Road to N.C. 59 and Golfview Road from Rockfish to N.C. 59; and
- Widening Shaw Road/Shaw Mill Road/Rosehill Road/Stacey Weaver Drive from U.S. 401/Ramsey Street to N.C. 210/Murchison Road and constructing part on a new location.

The state budget included an additional \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years for transportation funding. They did so through the elimination of the transfer from the Highway Fund to the General Fund and through other fee and rate changes. The additional money allows N.C. Transportation to add or accelerate a total of 248 construction projects across the state.

Ninety-two new segments of highway projects can now be funded in the recently approved 2016-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the department's 10-year construction plan. The construction schedules of another 90

highway projects already approved in the STIP also are being accelerated. An additional 66 non-highway projects are also being added to or accelerated in the program.

All local and statewide highway projects also being accelerated or added can be found [here](#).

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